

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:989

ANSWERED ON:20.08.2007

PROCUREMENT OF WHEAT

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has issued any guidelines to the State Governments to monitor the procurement of wheat by private companies from the open market; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. Government notified the Wheat (Stock Declaration by companies or Firms or Individuals) Order, 2007 under Essential Commodities Act, 1955 which requires that any company or firm or individual which purchases wheat beyond 50,000 MT (total purchases made throughout the country) during the Rabi Marketing Season, 2007-08 shall furnish to the Central Government, a weekly return in the prescribed form indicating the quantity of wheat purchased and quantity of wheat in stock. The major wheat producing States have accordingly been requested to give wide publicity to this Order through local newspapers and electronic media. State Governments were also directed to monitor the purchase of wheat by private companies to ensure payment of all statutory levies and taxes by such companies.